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Town Topics.

WHAT OUR PEOPLE ARE DOING. ITEMS OF INTEREST PICKED UP ABOUT TOWN.

"A City That is Set on a Hill Cannot Be Hid."

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel S. Hastings and daughter, Edith, arrived in Bethel from Montana, last week. Mr. Warren A. Emery has already got out about 1000 cords of spruce pulp timber on his 2000 cord contract for A. S. Bean. Mr. T. A. Buck and Chas. Swan, who have pressed a large amount of hay in Bethel and adjoining towns, are in Rumford doing like work.

The birch and lumber mills of R. J. Virgin of South Bethel, which have been leased by E. L. Tobbetts & Company of Locke's Mills, have not yet started. Mr. Tobbetts, however, intends to buy a large amount of pine and birch during the season, to manufacture at these mills. Mr. Tobbetts is operating the large spool mill at Locke's, where he employs twenty-five men, and uses much timber. Mr. Tobbetts resides in Auburn, but much of his time is spent at Locke's, looking after his business interests there.

Mr. Frank Cummings of South Bethel, who has leased the Lyman W. Russell mill at that place, has purchased a new shingle machine of the most improved make and has it set up in the mill and ready to run. The mill has a number of other saws and machines, adapted to all kinds of work. Mr. Cummings has a large contract for cloth boards, which will use all that he can furnish this season. He will buy pine and hard wood. This mill has not for some time, been actively operated, and the prospect that a good business will be done in the future is encouraging, especially to farmers, who have hard wood and other timber to sell. Mr. Cummings, sometime ago, purchased the King house at South Bethel, and is occupying it.

Rob Foster, who fortunately missed being on the ill-fated Portland, afterwards took the "Manhattan" from New York to Portland, Saturday night, following the disaster, and had to return to the city and wait till the following Monday, on account of a collision of the Manhattan with another boat. In a letter to his father, after his arrival at Brunswick, he says: "I suppose you heard of the collision we had Saturday night, which delayed me until Monday night. Well, the other boat struck us on the port side, and I was standing directly opposite it on the other side, in a walk that goes through the boat, with the door open. It almost knocked me off my feet, and did not me up against one of the stanchions; but I ran across to the other side in a second, and was the second one there. It made a hole in our side 10 or 12 feet square. The other boat caught fire and sunk in five minutes. Yes, I was glad I was not on the Portland. All the fellows thought I was, and Bill Veazie, I hear, was very much worried about me for four or five days, until he opened your letter to me at Brunswick, and then he telegraphed to you and to me. All the fellows said he looked worried enough all last week, and that he was looking over all the papers to see if I was on the Portland. "It was fairly rough, yesterday at seven o'clock, and also about three in the afternoon. In the evening the steward pointed out to me the steamer, which runs from Baltimore to Boston, where she had run aground. She looked all right, only high out of water, and the waves were breaking over her all the time. In the afternoon the spray flew all over the boat, and I got wet twice when out on deck."

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SOME NOTES FROM COLONIAL HISTORY.

To the average mind, especially to the average youthful mind, United States history is rather a dull, dry thing. Without doubt that is largely due to the fact that our first acquaintance with it comes in the form of tasks to be rigorously performed, lessons to be, too often, mechanically learned. It is only the exceptional child—and I am by no means sure that there ever was a child so exceptional—who thinks of the wisdom of the text books as having any possible connection with actual flesh and blood life. Just as a scholar will repeat the principal parts of the verb "He, lay, lain," without the remotest idea that his laboriously acquired knowledge is in any way to be applied to his own spoken or written language, so the facts of history appear to the ordinary pupil so unreal and remote as to make little impression upon him. If I were to write an elementary history for use in schools, I should leave out all questions, (those might be safely left to the ingenuity of the teacher), and everything that savored of a text book; and I would have it fairly bristling with anecdotes and exciting situations—history has enough of both—and as much like a gossip story as it could be made. The matchless story of Bunker Hill can be told in such a way that the dullest child in these schools will thrill with excitement, provided it can be divorced in his mind from all connection with a lesson to be learned, so many paragraphs a day.

It seems to me that there can be no better way of fixing the facts of colonial history in a child's mind, unless you could, which is seldom possible, take him to the places where the battles were fought, than by tying them to some person or thing familiar to him. For instance, when a child commits the following paragraph, as I heard a little girl trying to do only yesterday—it was that circumstance that suggested this article—"Montcalm, the French general, took Fort Oswego on Lake Ontario and Fort William Henry on Lake George in 1757. Montcalm promised the commander of Fort William Henry that his men should be allowed to march in safety down to Fort Edward, but just as they began their march, the Indian allies of the French, fell upon them and killed many;" it may not seem a very thrilling story, but let it be told that the great grandfather of Judge Richard A. Frye and also of our United States senator, Hon. William P. Frye, was commander of the colonial forces at Fort William Henry, and that he had a desperate hand-to-hand encounter with an Indian intent upon scalping him, and it will begin to seem quite another affair. Judge Frye possesses a relic of the French and Indian war, so valuable that it would make half the treasures of our best historical collections seem young and paltry by comparison, and a history behind it with which every bright boy and girl in this town ought to be familiar. Probably the most of the adult portion of the community know of the silver tankard and the bravery by which it was won. But it is a tale which one could often afford to hear, and which certainly ought to make the French and Indian War a much more real thing to the young people. I remember that in my young days, the events of that war were much more difficult to get hold of than those of the Revolution, in fact, I believe few of us ever succeeded in getting hold of them at all.

It was in the first siege of Louisbourg that Gen. Joseph Frye's long and brilliant military career was begun. The reader will remember, especially if he has just looked it up, which the writer frankly confesses to have done, that Louisbourg, on Cape Breton Island, was twice taken in the stormy twenty years that decided the question of English or French supremacy in this country. The first time was in King George's War, the last of that pleasant trio, King William's, Queen Anne's and King George's, which were probably fought to perplex school children of future generations; they seem to have accomplished little else so lasting.

The taking of Louisbourg was the important event of the three wars, for the long-suffering town was a very strongly fortified post and one of the most important keys to the French possessions in Canada. In 1745, Governor General Shirley of Massachusetts, planned a secret expedition for the capture of Louisbourg and placed it under the command of Sir William Pepperell. The troops were all from New England, and among the officers was Maj. Jos. Frye, also Capt. James Frye, another distinguished patriot of the family, who rallied his troops

at Bunker Hill with the cry, "This day, thirty years, I was at the taking of Louisbourg when it surrendered to us; it was a fortunate day for America. We shall surely beat the enemy."

Louisbourg surrendered on the 17th of June, the date of Bunker Hill. How little the colonists, fighting so passionately for the mother country, dreamed that they should celebrate the anniversary with their arms turned against her. Imagine the chagrin of the colonists when some stupid diplomats—who could not have had any good red blood in their veins—in a treaty of peace soon after, ceded Louisbourg again to the French. In the opening of the final French and Indian War, to which these were prepared, there were four expeditions planned, only one of which, that to Nova Scotia, under Gen Winslow, was successful. Maj. Joseph Frye was in command of a part of the troops under Winslow. Nova Scotia, it will be remembered, was the French Acadia and the story of its subjection, the scattering of the French colonists, and the burning of their homes has been more effectively preserved by Longfellow's Evangeline, than by all the histories in existence.

It may help to make the sad affair more real, (if that is desirable, which may be questioned) to know that to the troops under Maj. Frye was assigned the most active parts in the driving out of the peasants and burning of their homes. So that it may fairly be supposed, that it was Judge Frye's great grandfather, who, unwittingly, we may be sure, to us under those ideal names, Evangeline, Bellefleur and Gabriel Lajeunesse, and to go a little further in the same harmless fancy, gave Longfellow that splendid opportunity for one of the sweetest romances of our language. From all our knowledge of him, it is plain that Gen. Frye was an exceptionally tender and warm hearted man, and this military duty was very painful to him. It must be said in extenuation of what will always be a blot on our record, that not all the French peasants of Acadia were of the idle sort that Longfellow finds suitable to his purpose. Many had intense hatred of the English and Americans, and everybody knows to what the rancorous hatred of French peasants leads, so that it is probable that there were many acts demanding punishment, and as usual in this world, the innocent suffered with the guilty. Then the Acadians were Roman Catholics, and in those days of sturdy iron bound creeds, nothing was so abhorrent to the descendants of the Puritans as Popery and the heresies of the church of Rome. Whatever hardships the Acadians suffered in their banishment, (and they probably were heart breaking enough, say what we may in apology) they were in a measure avenged by the sufferings of the troops who had wrought their ruin, who were detained for more than a year after the time of their enlistment had expired, in the garrison forts of the conquered country.

In July 1756, we find Maj. Frye addressing a memorial to the Massachusetts Council and House of Representatives in which he declares the troops to be "the Victims of a Raging Sickness" and in such "Dejection of Mind as is Grievous to behold." Maj. Frye's devotion to his soldiers in their distress was like that of an affectionate father and won from them the tenderest love and loyalty in return. It was in commemoration of this devotion that the silver tankard was presented to him. The tankard bears this inscription:

TO JOSEPH FRYE, Esq., Colonel and Commander in Chief of the Forces in the Service of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay and late Major of the 2nd Battalion of General Shirley's Provincial Regiment.

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1757! Think of it! Almost twenty years before the beginning of the Revolutionary War! It is interesting to note in the inscription, the obsolete use of the word *resentment* whose functions in those days were not so exclusively disagreeable as now. Beneath the inscription is engraved the coat of arms of the Frye family, the famous "Riderless Horses." There is, I am told, also a silver tankard formerly belonging to Col. Jas. Frye, now in possession of a descendant in that branch of the family in Massachusetts which bears the same crest.

In Jan. 1767, Lord Loudon called a council of all the governors of the

New England states at Boston, to arrange the details for a vigorous campaign for that year. It was voted to raise 1800 men in Massachusetts to reinforce Gen. Webb and to attempt the capture of Crown Point, and to Maj. Frye, the idol of his soldiers, and the hero of the Massachusetts people, was assigned the raising and command of the troops. An account of his sufferings in this campaign will be given in next week's issue.

M. C. H.

Gould's Academy Dramatic Entertainment.

Notwithstanding the fact that last Thursday evening was thus far, one of the coldest nights of the season, the familiar and true expression, "Home talent always draws the largest audiences," was verified by the large assembly gathered at Odeon hall to witness the drama, "Imogene, or The Witch's Secret," as played by the students of the class of '98, Gould's Academy. The class intended to present the drama at the close of the fall term, but an unforeseen event arising, it was postponed until last week, the first week of the winter term.

The curtain rose promptly at the time specified and while one need not have been surprised at an occasional break or a little prompting, nothing of the kind was seen, for so expertly were the various parts in the cast assumed by the young ladies and gentlemen, that one can safely say that many are the professional troupes who have played in our town whose efforts came far from equaling those of the young people of the Academy.

To attempt to say who excelled in dramatic excellence, is folly; for the keen judgment of Miss Mayo, who has so faithfully supervised the rehearsals, had assigned the right parts to the right persons, and as each part was presented, the patrons felt that few are there who would have done better. While the most critical said "Well done."

With three exceptions those who took part in the drama, never had attempted work of this kind, thus we feel that their efforts well deserve congratulations. Between the acts, the quartettes of the Academy; viz. Mrs. Varley, Misses Florence and Barbara Carter and Miss Alice Purlington; and Messrs. Varley, Pratt, Walker, and French, rendered much appreciated music; both quartettes kindly gave encores to most hearty applause.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Two Swiss foresters killed two eagles a few weeks ago. In and near their nests they found the remains of chamois, marmot, rabbit, cat, weasel, and even a mouse.

The Arabs attach great importance to the water supply of their communities, and travelers say that where a rich American would bequeath money to found a hospital or decorate a church, a rich Arab can think of no other charity than the construction of a fountain, which will assure him the blessings of future generations.

A writer in The Arena declares that 500,000 men now do the work, with the aid of machinery, which needed 16,000,000 persons to do a few years ago.

About 80 miles from Stockholm there is a large waterfall of 100,000 horse-power. A project is on foot for using this to supply that city with electric power.

Egypt is the only country in the world where there are more men than women. The male sex in the dominion of the khedive, exceeds the female by 160,000.

Millions of pairs of dolls' shoes are sold in this country annually, the greater part of which are imported from Germany.

It is computed that when marching, soldiers take 75 steps per minute, in quick marching 108, and in charging 180 steps.

"Fusil" was the old name for the flintlock to distinguish it from the matchlock, and fusileers were those who carried fusils.

The vine attains a great age, continuing fruitful for at least 400 years. It is supposed to be equal to the oak as regards longevity.

In London each day, 400 children are born, 60 enter school for the first time, 200 begin their apprenticeship, 150 persons enter married life and 200 persons die.

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Be merry all, be merry all! With holly, dress the festive hall; Prepare the song, the feast, the ball To welcome merry Christmas. —W. R. Spencer.

It is the Christmas time: And up and down 'twixt heaven and earth, In glorious grief and solemn mirth, The shining angels climb. —D. M. Mulock.

The time draws near the birth of Christ; The moon is hid; the night is still; The Christmas bells from hill to hill Answer each other in the mist. —Tennyson.

Heap on more wood! the wind is dull, Put let it whistle as it will, We'll keep one Christmas merry still. —Sir Walter Scott.

AN EVENING AT HOME.

"Not going to the ball?" said Mrs. Lindley, with a look and tone of surprise. "What has come over the girl?"

"I don't know, but she says she's not going."

"Doesn't her ball dress fit?"

"Yes, beautifully."

"What is the matter, then?"

"Indeed, ma, I cannot tell. You had better go up and see her. It is the strangest notion in the world. Why, you couldn't hire me to stay at home."

Mrs. Lindley went up stairs, and, entering her daughter's room, found her sitting on the side of the bed, with a beautiful ball dress in her hand.

"It isn't possible, Helen, that you are not going to this ball?" she said.

Helen looked up with a half-serious, half-smiling expression on her face.

"I've been trying for the last half hour," she replied, "to decide whether I ought to go, or stay at home. I think, perhaps, I ought to remain at home."

"But what earthly reason can you have for doing so? Don't you like your dress?"

"O, yes! very much. I think it beautiful."

"Doesn't it fit you?"

"As well as any dress I ever had."

"Are you not well?"

"Very well."

"Then why not go to the ball? It will be the largest and most fashionable of the season. You know that your father and myself are both going. We shall want to see you there, of course. Your father will require some good reason for your absence."

Helen looked perplexed at her mother's last remark.

"Do you think father will be displeased if I remain at home?" she asked.

"I think he will, unless you can satisfy him that your reason for doing so is a very good one. Nor shall I feel that you are doing right. I wish all my children to act under the government of a sound judgment. Impulse, or reasons not to be spoken of freely to their parents, should in no case influence their actions."

Helen sat thoughtful for more than a minute, and then said, her eyes growing dim as she spoke:

"I wish to stay at home for Edward's sake."

"And why for his, my dear?"

"He doesn't go to the ball, you know."

"Because he is too young, and too backward. You can't hire him to go there. But, that is no reason why you should remain at home. You would never partake of any social amusement were this always to influence you. Let him spend the evening in reading. He must not expect his sisters to deny themselves all recreation in which he cannot, or will not participate."

"He does not. I know he would not hear to such a thing as my staying at home on his account."

"Then why stay?"

"Because I feel that I ought to do so. This is the way I have felt all day whenever I have thought of going. If I were to go, I know that I would not have a moment's enjoyment. He need not know why I remain at home. To tell him that I did not wish to go will satisfy his mind."

"I shall not urge the matter, Helen," Mrs. Lindley said, after a silence of some moments. "You are old enough to judge in a matter of this kind for yourself. But I must say that I think you rather foolish. You will not find Edward disposed to sacrifice so much for you."

"Of that I do not think, mother. Of that I ought not to think."

"Perhaps not. Well, my dear, as you like. But I don't know what your father will say."

Mrs. Lindley then left the room. Edward Lindley was at the critical age of eighteen; that period when many young men, especially those who have been blest with sisters, would have highly enjoyed a ball. But Edward was shy, timid and bashful in company, and could hardly ever be induced to go out to parties with his sisters. Still, he was intelligent for his years, and companionable. His many good qualities endeared him to his family, and drew forth from his sisters towards him a very tender regard.

Among his male friends were several about his own age, members of families with whom his own was on friendly terms. With these he associated frequently, and with two or three others quite intimately. For a month or two Helen had noticed that one or another of these young friends called every now and then for Edward in the evening, and that he staid out with them until bed-time. But unless his sisters were from home he never went out of his own accord. The fact of his being out with these young men had, from the first, troubled Helen; though the reason of her troubled feeling she could not tell. Edward had good principles, and she could not bring herself to entertain fears of any clearly-defined evil. Still, a sensation of uneasiness was always produced when he was from home in the evening.

The fact that Edward would in probability go out, after they had all left, was the reason why Helen did not wish to attend the ball. The first thought of this had produced an unpleasant sensation in her mind, which increased, the longer she debated the question of going away or remaining at home. Finally, she decided that she would not go. This decision took place after the interview with her mother, which was only half an hour from the time of starting.

Edward knew nothing of the intention of his sister. He was in his own room, dressing to go out, and supposed when he heard the carriage drive from the door, that Helen had gone with the other members of the family. On descending to the parlor, he was surprised to find her sitting by the centre table with a book in her hand.

"Helen! Is this you? I thought you had gone to the ball. Are you not well?" he said quickly, and with some surprise, coming up to her side.

"I am very well, brother," she replied, looking into his face with a smile of sisterly regard. "But I have concluded to stay at home this evening. I'm going to keep you company."

"Are you, indeed! Right glad I am of it! though I am sorry you have deprived yourself of the pleasure of this ball, which, I believe, is to be a very brilliant one. I was just going out because it is so dull at home when you are all away."

"I am not particularly desirous of going to the ball. So little so, that the thought of your being left here all alone had sufficient influence over me to keep me away!"

"Indeed! Well, I must say you are kind," Edward returned with feeling. The self-sacrificing act of his sister had touched him sensibly.

Both Helen and her brother played well. She upon the harp and piano, and he upon the flute and violin. Both were fond of music, and practiced and played together. Part of the evening was spent in this way, much to the satisfaction of each. Then an hour passed in reading and conversation, after which music was again resorted to. Thus lapsed the time pleasantly until the hour for retiring came, when they separated both with a feeling of pleasure more delightful than they had experienced for a long time. It was nearly three o'clock before Mr. and Mrs. Lindley and the daughter who had accompanied them to the ball came. Hours before, the senses of both Edward and Helen had been locked in forgetfulness.

Time passed on. Edward Lindley grew up and became a man of sound principles—a blessing to his family and society. He saw his sisters well married; and himself, finally, led to the altar a lovely maiden. She made him a truly happy husband. On the night of the wedding, as he sat beside Helen, he paused for some time in the midst of a pleasant conversation, thoughtfully. At last he said:

"Do you remember, sister, the night you staid at home from the ball to keep me company?"

"That was many years ago. Yes, I remember it very well, now that you have called it to my mind."

"I have often thought, since, Helen," he said, with a serious air, "that by the simple act of thus refusing to go to the ball, you have saved me from a life of regret."

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"THE DEVIL IN BLACK AND WHITE."

The first address in the Goulds Academy lecture course, will be delivered in the Congregational church next Friday evening, Dec. 16th, by Leroy S. Bean of Portland, Maine; subject, "The Devil in Black and White."

Mr. Bean possesses a vast amount of character ability, and is one of the most logical, forcible, and eloquent speakers before the Maine public to-day. His addresses are always enlivened by many a bright story and biting hit of sarcasm, and no one who attends this lecture need fear that he will have occasion to regret it.

It is hoped that all who are interested in Goulds Academy, and in the line of work of which we trust this is but the beginning, will make an effort to be present and give to speaker and student, the encouragement and inspiration which a large, enthusiastic and interested audience always gives.

Those who never have listened to Mr. Bean, will be able to judge from the following press notices, of the manner in which he has been received in the leading cities and towns throughout New England:

"He is a ready speaker, radical in his views, strong in his convictions, thoughtful and well-read on the leading topics of the day, audaciously aggressive and at times brilliant."

Morning Star, Boston, Mass.

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Farmington, [N. H.] News.

"Rev. Mr. Bean is a good speaker, with rapid delivery, clear voice, and possesses considerable character ability. The lecture was listened to with close attention, and at the close the speaker was warmly applauded."

Daily Eastern Argus, Portland, Me.

"The lecture occupied nearly an hour and a half, during which time the speaker held the close attention of his audience, and at the same time kept them in the best of humor by his witty, sarcastic, yet always humorous sallies."

Lewiston, [Me.] Daily Advocate.

"From the beginning to the close of the address, he held the undiminished attention of his listeners, and when he said good night there were none who did not wish that he would speak and deliver his lecture at home again."

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Biddeford, [Me.] Daily Journal.

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"We feel that enough cannot be said in praise of the lecture and lecturer. All present were delighted with both. It was one of the best, if not the best lecture ever heard in Memorial hall."

The Oakland [Me.] Enterprise.

"Mr. Bean is a powerful speaker. He has the wonderful faculty of holding the attention of the audience. He mixes mirth with profound thought. His language is of the best, and a person spends an hour and a half very profitably when they attend one of his lectures. We hope he may visit Houlton again another season."

The Aroostook Times, Houlton, Me.

"Throughout the lecture course, good music will be furnished by the Academy quartette. Course tickets, sold only by students, \$1.00; reserved seats \$1.50—Single tickets sold only at the door, 25c. Reserved seats, 35c."

School Entertainment. Please Read and Consider.

Some investments pay three per cent, some six per cent, some ten per cent, and some very fortunate ones even more. The gain on money expended in youth's education, is not to be easily computed. Ignorance is a sort of mortgage, a pull-back on the happiness, the reputation, the political purity, the better life of the locality where it exists.

Intelligence lifts up, promotes goodness, happiness, success. The health and strength of town, State and nation, of home and all beneficent institutions rests on popular education. Therefore, education of children is as much the community's business, as the teacher's business.

The standard of education in some of the rooms in the village school, has been too low. It is very low. Improvement is being made. Slowly, steadily, every school day, greater thoroughness is gained, some advancement is attained. We are working up towards higher planes and ideals. We are working along an orderly course of study, which regardless of changes of administrations and teachers, ought to stand for some years to come without sweeping changes.

The entertainment to be given by the school at Odson Hall, Thursday evening, Dec. 22, deserves the support of every citizen. It is in the nature of an investment—the very best kind of an investment. Every facility at the command of the teacher helps make a

better school. Ask a mechanic if it makes any difference whether he works with improved tools or latest make, or those purchased twenty years ago. From the proceeds of the last entertainment, a dictionary, wall maps and a clock for three of the rooms were purchased, and some money is left to turn into the piano fund. People remember that an entertainment was given, and then forgotten, but the helps which it obtained for us, are in use every day, and daily they contribute to brighter surroundings and a higher grade of work. Many people may not be aware that much of the working material, such as is absolutely necessary, has been bought and paid for by the teachers. Aside from what we have obtained for ourselves, our helps are more noted for their scarcity than their efficiency. Clearly the town has not given what it would have been the very best policy to have provided. The school needs a piano, and we are resolved to get it, not before we have counted the cost and the added work we must do.

This is everybody's cause. Scholars deserve mention for the part they are doing, and they, as well as teachers, are hoping for substantial financial results. If the enterprise shall receive the reward which it merits, we all will be encouraged. People of more mature years learn to take events as they come, but any teacher well knows how disappointment works on the minds of children.

Articles costing from five to twenty-five cents, candles and refreshments will be on sale. All of our friends who can contribute anything which will sell at the above prices, are earnestly invited to give such to one of the teachers, or one of the scholars having charge of the matter. This help will be greatly appreciated.

During the evening, a doll will be sold by number. Tickets between 1 and 1000, will be given by the children, and the one receiving the lucky number will receive the doll. Next week the doll will be on exhibition in Mr. Wiley's window.

The opera will commence at about the usual time at which our entertainments begin, but the doors will be open very early. Let every one come and invest something in helping the boys and girls who are earnestly working on work which will largely depend their future success.

CHRISTMAS COUNTERS AMONG OUR ADVERTISERS.

A Merry Christmas to one and all. Although a trifle early to extend the greeting, we do so in season that we may help the News' readers make a happy Yuletide for themselves and for others. During these busy days, when from the youngest to the eldest, all are planning Christmas gifts for loved ones and friends, it is not amiss to call the attention of our readers to the counters of local advertisers who make a specialty of Christmas goods.

It hardly seems necessary to go or even send away for the tokens of good cheer which Bethel's people will distribute at home and abroad; everything, from the baby's rattle to a most comfortable and beautiful chair or couch for your lady's parlor, may be found in our village. While many times only the ornamental are chosen for Christmas gifts, yet, at times, it becomes necessary and perhaps necessary as much for the recipient to present those things which are absolute necessities, clothing and food.

In looking about the village, we find all good for body and mind, clothing for body and house, ornaments for body and home. In this list is not every thing included. Of course not in the variety we find in large cities, we do not expect it, but as a general thing, we feel sure Bethel's dealers show rather a better display than is usually found in a country village.

Some of our advertisers do not make a specialty of Christmas goods, carrying only a little larger stock of their usual goods; others have done their best to please our citizens, and to these counters we call the attention of the people. For a line of silver novelties, we invite your attention to the store of Edward King. Besides many useful and ornamental articles in this line, he carries a complete line of goods usually found in a first-class jewelry store. His supply of rings, well, many of the young ladies would say "yes," if she knew she would be the possessor of one of the beauties in his window; while the housewife's eyes fairly shine when the good dealer, selected from the silverware at King's. For the first time since he opened his store, Mr. King has a few pieces of cut glass. His other goods include plus chains, silver-mounted toilet articles, etc.

Hastings Bros. evidently understand that the beauty of the Christmas dinner table is enhanced by a beautiful dinner set and glistening glassware, so they carry a large line of crockery, glassware, etc. The tables and shelves also, show at once to those who enter the store, choice designs in lamps for hall, parlor, dining room, and the little hand lamps so necessary to all. Many are the pretty affairs in dishes for salads, bonbons, etc., while a cup, saucer and plate, which always pleases a child, may be found for each little one in town. All the novelties in the line of cooking utensils, Hastings Bros. carry, while carpet sweepers, which in these days are quite necessary for the comfort of the housewife and the good of the carpets, are waiting for the matron who does not possess one.

Mr. G. P. Bean does not make a specialty of Christmas goods but carries a larger variety of neckwear, handkerchiefs, aprons, etc., and as giving place to the sale of the useful, he does a good business in the latter; also a good variety of underwear and dry goods help to swell the list of his goods.

Mr. Wiley seems to lead in the

sale of books, and both readable and pretty is his assortment this season; his large line of toilet articles are just right to be fashionable while the girls, sleds, games, etc., please all the boys and girls. Those selecting presents for gentlemen friends, can find goods of good quality as is found in Portland, while the designs in cut, collar and handkerchief boxes, necktie and travelling cases, atomizers, etc., furnish a complete line to select from.

The store occupied by the Messrs. Burnham and Hall is really the center of attraction for the ladies. It seems the most natural thing in the world when down town, for the ladies to drop in there for a minute, and while they always see the novelties of the day, at this season there are things multitudes to attract the attention. Handkerchiefs—why we are assured that never was a more complete line shown in Bethel than Miss Burnham has; she also shows aprons, doilies, tea cloths, real damask too, at most reasonable prices, silver novelties, etc. All the latest styles in stocks, ties, belts, etc., combined with the mark down in millinery, should use a brisk trade at this store during the holidays.

At Miss L. C. Hall's store we find her busily at work with her china, and the pretty souvenirs she places before the public are well worth high commendation. Her china, with a good assortment of busts, plaques, Coplay prints, photo medallions, makes a charming line to select goods from when one is seeking for gifts in the art line. The children stand, interested as the little ones are at this season, open-eyed and delighted with the toys of every description which Miss Hall has selected. A supply of the best candies, including Baker's chocolates are here found.

Miss Sarah Hall's is another place of attraction for the children, for a good supply of toys, books, etc., are displayed. China, perfumes, and the toilet wares are among the attractive things which she shows to the inquiring public.

At Ceylon Rowe's store, recently remodeled, you can find almost anything you want. Many are the practical gifts which may be found there, while ornamental but still useful articles by the score, are at his customer's. His line is one of the most varied in town, and includes handkerchiefs, dishes, silverware, clothing, hoods, neckwear, dress goods, and the silverware which are always acceptable reminders of friendship.

Mr. Calvin Bisbee is a busy dealer who combines the useful with the ornamental, for with his supply of men's heavy clothing, gaiters, and dry goods, he shows pretty patterns in glass, majolica, china, etc. A line of candy and nuts which the children consider indispensable at Christmas time, is found here.

At the foot of the street we find Woodbury & Purington with J. Jordan & Son across the way. The business of these firms is such that no specialty is made of Christmas goods, but as regards their business, which is dealing largely in flour, grain, and groceries, they stand second to none in Oxford county.

When parents fill the stockings, a supply of candy and nuts will be necessary, and one wants the best for this purpose, so if you will call at E. L. Bartlett's he will help you to as good as there is made, or if you are farther down the street, H. M. Farwell can assist you in your selection. These dealers with their supply of goods, are well prepared for the Christmas trade.

If your friend is going on a journey at the holidays, one of the traveling cases or trunks in the stock of E. H. Young will suit the thing for a present; while to many, one of the comfortable sleigh robes or a string of the cheery sleigh bells will cause you to be remembered with grateful hearts.

Tuesday morning there were seven trains at the depot at one time.

Work on the new Chair Factory building is progressing quite rapidly; it is now shingled and clap-boarded, and the windows are in.

The revival meetings at the M. E. church for the past four weeks have been a success. Up to Friday day there has been twenty-seven converts, and Sunday evening five manifested a desire for prayers. The meetings will be continued this week.

Yesterday a Day of Fires.

There were three fires in the vicinity yesterday, as follows: W. H. Farham's entire set of buildings near Locke's Mills was totally destroyed. Loss not estimated. Insurance small. A set of buildings occupied by Arthur Brown, of Houlton, was burned, Brown losing all of his furniture. Also a clothing store at Rumford Falls was burned. We have not been able to get a definite report of any of them.

The approach of Christmas naturally suggests many things we would like to give as presents. All to whom such suggestions have presented themselves and all who have not decided what they will give, are invited to call at the store of Miss L. C. Hall and examine her complete stock. Here you will find all you have thought of together with a thousand and one things of which you never have thought. Don't buy until you have made us a call.

The Volunteer Hose Company

LOCAL NEWS.

20 degrees below zero this morning.

Mrs. A. W. Grover has returned from Lewiston.

E. S. Kilborn brought home a fine deer last week.

Wm. Mann of Lewiston, visited friends in town last Friday and Saturday.

The remainder of the story on page one, will be found in next week's issue.

Mr. G. A. Robertson of Augusta, is visiting his father, Mr. Sylvester Robertson.

Dr. Morton was quite ill the first of the week, but at this time his condition is improved.

All forms of scrofula, sores, boils, pimples and eruptions, are quickly and permanently cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Schools throughout the town are again in progress, and the work which is being done by the various teachers is very encouraging.

The popular stage driver from Bethel to Lakeside, Chas. F. Davis, has recently purchased a new double sleigh to be used on his route.

Mr. Archer Grover has been chosen delegate by his college society to a general convention to be held in Baltimore, Md., the last of this month.

Miss Mayo, teacher of elocution at the Academy, has been obliged to return to her home for a while to recover from the effects of over-exertion in her work.

The Universal History Club met at the home of Mrs. E. C. Rowe last Wednesday evening. The work for the winter was discussed, and it was decided to take up Grecian history as a part of the curriculum. The club meets every two weeks.

Many of us have been looking forward to the rare treat to be afforded this winter by Goulds Academy, in the way of the course of lectures, the first of which is to be given in the Congregational church next Friday evening. This certainly is a treat, and one which the good people will appreciate and participate in.

Last Thursday evening the E. and A. Masons held their annual public installation and supper. The supper was served in the Universalist chapel, by the ladies of that society, instead of at the hotel, as has been the custom of this order, until last year. A most pleasant evening is reported by all who attended.

The death of Mrs. Sophronia Grover of Paconia, Kansas, is reported as taking place at that place, Nov. 25th. Mrs. Grover was the widow of the late Jeremiah Grover, and formerly lived in Bethel, and is still remembered by our old residents. Three sons and a daughter survive her. She was a sister of Mrs. Almira Needham.

Mr. L. U. Bartlett has yarded 700 cords of spruce pulp timber from the Chapman brook territory, and will soon complete his contract of 1000 cords. Last week he put eight horses at work on his contract to haul 1500 cords from Albany for Hastings Brothers. Mr. Ned Carter, with his team, is in Mr. Bartlett's employ for the season. Mr. Bartlett will soon increase his team on this job to sixteen horses. This timber is all to be landed on the Androscoggin, just below Bethel village.

So it is a piano for the village school is it? Yes, and we really believe the children will get it. They will if they are given the proper encouragement. Few of our people realize the interest they are taking in the matter, and only a little encouragement and assistance is necessary and success is theirs. Success in one apparently great undertaking, will stimulate energy in the performance of tasks in the future; on the contrary, who can say what might prove the effect of an utter defeat of their plans. The children demand our co-operation. They need it,—they deserve it—they must and will get it.

Prof. Chapman has engaged W. S. Wright to organize Festival choruses in Lancaster, Berlin, Colebrook and other New Hampshire towns, and he is to conduct them through the season, then they are to hold a Festival in Berlin at the close of the Portland Festival, with the same talent. Prof. Chapman has made a wise choice in the selection of Prof. Wright to do this work. He has had many years of experience in forming classes and giving instructions in music, and the fact that he has been engaged to form choruses in these towns is sufficient to insure success.

Dr. E. T. Sanborn of Augusta, was in town last Friday in consultation of the sickness of Mrs. Scott Wright. Although Mrs. Wright still remains in a critical condition, Dr. Sanborn gave quite a little encouragement regarding her illness, and as she is able to take considerable nourishment her friends hope to hear of her improvement. Prof. and Mrs. Wright are well known throughout the State, as for a number of years past, he has conducted music classes in many of the counties, and always ably assisted by Mrs. Wright; thus they have made many friends who extend to them sympathy at this time.

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CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Call and see my line before purchasing your gifts for Christmas.

I have a fine assortment and am receiving new goods every few days.

Among the prettiest and most appropriate presents are

SILVER NOVELTIES, SILVER TOILET ARTICLES

SILVER TABLEWARE, CUT GLASS,

RINGS AND PINS, WATCHES AND CHAINS,

CUFF & LINK BUTTONS, and other Jewelry.

I have a fine assortment of all these, besides, many other goods suitable for the season.

Please call, whether you buy or not.

Edward King, Jeweler & Optician.

Worst of all, when the custards were brought in, sweet and brown in their little white cups, Teddy was passed by.

"Of course you won't eat custards for they are made mostly of milk, and cows are no good," said Aunt Hetty.

Teddy looked as if he would cry. "I—I haven't had anything to eat," he blurted. "Just bread, without any butter, and potatoes and water. I wish I hadn't said those things about the cows."

Everybody smiled then, and no one objected when Hester slyly passed to him a cup of custard.—Jolla Randall Pearce, in Youth's Companion.

Conundrums.

Answers to last week's conundrums: No. 1, To-day. No. 2, A man. In infancy he creeps; when a man he walks erect, and when aged walks with a staff.

1. What is that which hangs and bears, but never blossoms?

2. A house full and a yard full, but you can't catch a bowl full.

3. Why is the letter e in civility like the nose on your face?

4. When is a nose not a nose?

5. What most resembles half a cheese?

6. When are nuts insane?

"Come, Teddy," said Mrs. West, "it's time for the cows to come home." But Teddy was reading a story about shipwreck, and did not want to be disturbed. Just then, "O mother, wait a little while," he said. A little later Hester came to the door.

"Teddy, you ought to get the cows," she said.

"Both the cows?" replied Teddy crossly, and his sister went away. Soon a man's face appeared at the window.

"Edward, the cows!" said Mr. West; and when his father spoke like that, Teddy lost no time in obeying.

Sulkily he laid down his book and walked through the kitchen where his mother and sister were cooking supper, and his father was piling up the kindling-wood for the morning's fire.

"I hate cows," Teddy grumbled, as he walked slowly across the pine floor.

"They're a bother, and I wish we didn't have any. I wish nobody had any. Cows are no good, anyway; just in the way. I hate cows!"

An hour later, the cows were safe in the barn for the night, and Teddy was in a better humor. He was hungry, too, after the walk to the meadow and back in the fresh, bracing air.

A fine round of meat was smoking on the table, but there was none on Teddy's plate.

"This is beef," said Mr. West. "I did not give you any because you hate cows, Teddy."

Teddy opened his mouth, and then closed it again without saying a word.

"I won't give you any butter, Teddy," said Mrs. West, "because we get our butter from the cows, and you hate them so."

Hester poured out the milk for the other children, but to Teddy she gave a glass of water.

"Cows are such a bother," she said soberly. "I know you don't want any milk."

Teddy looked wistfully at the plate of creamy cheese, but it was passed to every one but him. But,

YES READY.

We are ready for you with the largest line of RICH HOLIDAY GOODS

to be found in Oxford County. It's impossible to describe our line. You must see for yourself to appreciate the appropriate presents we offer. Watches, Clocks, Jewelry of every description. Solid Silver and Plated ware in endless variety. Spectacles and Eyeglasses, Cameras and Photo Supplies. You will find this a safe place to trade, the most for your money here, and what you buy will be just as represented. People of Bethel and vicinity can more than save care by coming to Norway. Our goods are all marked in plain figures. Goods so marked it's impossible to ask more during the Holidays (which is often the case in blind marking) than at other times. Look out for blind selling prices. You will save money and have "A Merry Christmas" if you buy your gifts at

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COFFEE! COFFEE! COFFEE!

The famous BUNKER HILL BRAND of which I am sole dealer (or in town.) Price, .35c per lb. Also a full and complete line of

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We carry everything needed to furnish a House, Hall, Church or Office. We make our store pleasant and attractive. We can do this because it is that kind of a store, and the stock we buy completes the attraction. We feel that if our stock and store equals or surpasses those of larger cities, our Maine people will be glad to trade at home. Our great increase of business since opening the new store proves that to be true, happily for all concerned.

We absolutely guarantee each and every article sold by us to be as represented and worth the price paid, and we agree to "pay back the money if the goods don't suit!" And what we agree, we surely do. Ask anyone who knows, and it's easy to find such ones.

We want all visitors in Portland to use our store as their headquarters when down town.

We've a reception room, ladies' toilet rooms; we'll care for your packages, loan you our telephone, and whistle for a car for you when you desire to "catch one."

You're welcome with us always.

Remember We are on Congress Street. Opp. Longfellow's Home and Preble House.

Cut Prices in Millinery

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E. E. Burnham's.

Also a nice line of Practical and Ornamental Articles for Christmas Gifts.

Lamb Wool Soles for the Babies, Misses, Ladies and Gents.

E. E. BURNHAM'S

Millinery and Fancy Goods Store.

COLE BLOCK, BETHEL.

To See Is To Buy.

Pleasing the Public.

Our Fall Stock

is a stock that we are proud of—there is not a better one in the County. In our recently refitted store we can show you BARGAINS THAT ARE BARGAINS in rightness, fitness, and fashion.

DRESS GOODS.

A little heavier wearing apparel is now needed. We have the Fall and Winter Patterns.

Ladies' and Children's

SUITS, OVERCOATS

Hats, Caps, Fur Coats, Woolined Jackets, Ulsters, Etc.

Of these we have an extremely large stock for our customers to select from. It is sure to please you.

NEW UNDERWEAR, SHIRTS, NECKTIES, AND MACKINTOSHES AT QUICK-PRICE.

Boots and Shoes.

My assortment was never so good as at present. I am agent for Geo. M. Watkinson & Co.'s Rubbers—the BEST RUBBER and the BEST STYLE of rubbers made this year.

CLOAKS.

Hand-bags, Dress Skirts, Petticoats, and Underskirts. Hamburg and Lace Curtains.

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Handkerchiefs from 1c to 35c each.

Largest Stock in Town

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Island Pond, A. M. P. M.	
Gorham, 2.40 5.00 1.15	
Gilead, 4.30 5.10 3.37	
West Bethel, 5.02 5.30 3.15	
Bethel, 5.14 5.42 3.26	
Locke's Mills, 5.24 5.51 3.33	
Bryant Pond, 5.35 6.03 3.41	
South Paris, 5.45 6.08 3.47	
Portland, 6.17 6.35 3.58	
Portland, 8.10 11.30 6.45	

TRAINS FROM PORTLAND TO ISLAND FOND RUN AS FOLLOWS:	
Portland, A. M. P. M.	
South Paris, 8.10 1.30 6.00	
Bryant Pond, 9.59 3.40 7.58	
Locke's Mills, 10.28 4.20 8.25	
Bethel, 10.37 4.31 8.45	
West Bethel, 10.45 4.40 9.00	
Gilead, 10.52 4.48 9.10	
Gorham, 11.03 5.02 9.24	
Island Pond, 11.31 5.50 10.00	
Island Pond, 1.32 8.05 12.20	

Sunday paper train leaves Portland going west at 8.30 a. m., South Paris 10.19, Bryant Pond 10.51, Locke's Mills 10.59, Bethel 11.10, West Bethel 10.20, Gilead 11.24, Gorham 12.00, arriving in Berlin 12.25.

The train which leaves Island Pond at 2.05 a. m., and the one which leaves Portland at 8.30 p. m., run every day, all others every day except Sunday.

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10% Discount during this sale.

On Boys' and Children's Suits we give a discount of 20 per cent.

Try the mail—Send a postal card and ask for what you want, and we will reply by return mail.

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I am receiving two car loads of sound, young Canada horses a week, weighing from 10 to 15 hundred pounds. Horses taken in exchange. Single and double harnesses.

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COUNTY NEWS.

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WEST BETHEL.

"The old man sits in the chimney seat, And the spots on the goose-bone he's counting; And smiles as he feels the welcoming heat, To what are his thoughts amounting? He says that the 'Winter' is the fearful cold, Or with warm weather 'I'll be rich—For, so, is it on the goose-bone, foretold—But, really he cannot tell which, Excellent sleighing."

Mercury is flirting with Zero. Skaters should beware of the ice. The stores are being filled with holiday goods.

The Androscoggin is frozen over, and teams are crossing on the ice.

"Now the joyous Christmas day, Fast is looming up this way."

Almon Tyler is boarding at Bethel Hill, and attending Gould's Academy.

The Leighton Bros. have three teams hauling bark from Albaty to this village.

Outward appliances will never cure inward disease, but may relieve for a short season.

Those who have money to throw away, can find enough traveling humbugs ready to take it.

Miss Flora J. Wheeler goes back to Jefferson, N. H., this week to teach her twenty-fourth term of school in that place.

NORTH WATERFORD.
Henry Sawin and wife were at Frank Morse's of Waterford, Sunday.

Mrs. Simon Grover of Stoneham, is sick and is staying at Chas. Grover's.

Mrs. Harry Brown and Miss Alice Brown are both sick with colds.

Mr. Eaton and wife of Harrison, were at Cliff Rice's, Saturday and Sunday.

Annie Ray, who has been sick the past week, is some better at this writing.

Mr. Ferris of Paris, is boarding at Sam Young's, and cutting timber at Bisbee town.

Antin Hutchinson of Albany, is hauling pine timber from Bisbee town to Jim Brown's mill, and boards at Harry Brown's.

NEWRY CORNER.
Two of our enterprising young misses started out to sell tea, coffee and spices. The result was a camera and a gold ring.

Two families have moved into our little village. Mr. Virgil Chapman into the house owned by W. C. Frost of Framingham, and Mr. Blanchard has moved into the Ryerson house.

The Union Circle met with Mrs. Marshall Swain. It was a busy scene. Some ladies were busy sewing; others were finishing the last quilt; still others toting off the last footings, preparatory for the sale which will take place in January. The pastor kindly assisted the ladies by cutting calico and threading needles. The evening was devoted to charades and music.

MASON.
Elwood Sawyer is working for A. S. Bean, driving team.

George Grover and wife of West Bethel, were in town last Saturday calling on friends.

Roy Grover is drawing poplar from N. G. Mills' Cutter lot in Albany, to West Bethel.

Isaac Morrill of Bethel was in town recently and bought a pair of matched steer calves of S. O. Grover.

Ed Arno and Sherman Hazleton of Bethel filled the chair at the church last Sabbath in the absence of the pastor.

Elwood Sawyer and wife have returned from their visit in Somerset county and are staying for the present with F. I. Bean.

Roy Grover and family have returned to their old home in Hall-fax, Mass., to spend the winter, where they have worked the past eighteen months.

F. H. Noyes at the Blue Store, Norway, is selling some bargains in fur coats, ulsters, overcoats, and suits. It will pay you to buy of him.

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I am receiving two car loads of sound, young Canada horses a week, weighing from 10 to 15 hundred pounds. Horses taken in exchange. Single and double harnesses.

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GILEAD.

The thermometer at your correspondent's boarding place, on the morning of Dec. 12, registered zero. It was this season's coldest morning here.

We understand that logs are now coming by rail from the Hastings lumber regions, and are deposited upon the ice above Wild river bridge.

On the evening of Dec. 7, your correspondent had the pleasure of meeting a few friends, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edson Lary of our village. The occasion was the marriage of their eldest daughter, Miss Mabel, to Mr. Archie T. Heath, two of the worthy young people of our community. The brief ceremony was performed by Rev. Henry Farrar, and after the presentation of congratulations by the guests, a season of pleasant conversation was enjoyed by all; then supper was served by our hostess, and after a brief renewal of social converse, the friends departed for their respective homes, wishing for Mr. and Mrs. Heath, that the happiness of their anticipation may enter richly into their experience, as they journey along the pathway of life.

GROVER HILL.
This freezing month of ice and snow. That brings our lives together, Lends to our year a living glow, That warms its wintry weather."

Hattie Morrill recently visited Miss Haselton's school.

Freeland Bennett recently repaired a sled for P. Wheeler.

Miss Marian E. Bennett is at present employed in Norway.

Frankie Bartlett drove through here Saturday, with a very pretty team.

S. A. Lyons has been at home, the past week, marketing cord-wood.

Mr. L. A. Sawin and little boy of South Albany, were at Walter Brown's, Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Blake of Milan, N. H., is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Frances Whitman.

Messrs. Bowler and Valentine visited the school in this district, taught by Miss J. M. Haselton, last Friday afternoon.

We learn that George and Albert Grover contemplate cutting and hauling stove timber from their Wheeler lot, this winter.

BRYANT POND.
H. J. Libby was sick two days, last week.

D. D. Peverley has sold a sleigh to John Tobin.

Mr. Harry Littlefield, who has been hunting in Stoneham and vicinity, is in town again.

Mr. Frank Rodman, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. Crocker, has returned to his home in Saco.

Mrs. Cullen Abbott and son, who are very ill of typhoid fever, were reported more comfortable Monday.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy can always be depended upon, and is always to be had. Sold by G. R. Wiley, Bethel, and W. H. Crockett, Locke's Mills.

RUMFORD.
Mrs. Ray is reported more comfortable and her friends have great hopes of her recovery.

Otho Hutchins, eldest son of Harry H. and Lida (Colby) Hutchins, shot himself through the heart, Friday, Nov. 25, while deer hunting. He and his brother, Harold, were near Rich's lumber camp in Hanover, talking with one of the men, while his father was but a few rods away. He stood with his gun resting on a log and leaned on the muzzle, when the gun slipped from the log, striking the hammer, and sending the charge through the heart. He was a young man of about 18 years, honest and upright, and well liked by all his associates. He leaves one brother and one sister, besides his parents, to mourn his loss. His funeral was Sunday, attended by Rev. G. B. Hannaford of Rumford Falls.

Born Dec. 7, to the wife of S. L. Moody, a son.

Mrs. Charlotte Butters from Rumford Falls is visiting at A. A. Martin's.

Election of officers of G. A. R. and W. R. C. was held at their hall last Saturday. N. S. Farnum was elected Com.; B. S. Newton, S. V.; Nelson Mann, J. V.; Chas. Tripp, Chap.; Frank Martin, Q. M.; W. S. Howe, O. D.; Geo. Farrar, O. G.

The W. R. C. officers are: Mrs. Hattie Tripp, Pres.; M. E. Pratt, S. V. Pres.; Mary Abbott, J. V. Pres.; Mary I. Colby, Chap.; Annie Abbott, Treas.; Agnes Hall, guard; Abbie Silver, Con. Installation will be held at Rumford Centre at the next regular meeting, the second Saturday in January. We hope all members will be present. Dinner will be served in the lower hall. Meeting appointed at 11 A. M.

Not an Unusual Case.
Bethel, Me., Dec. 9, 1898.—William Melvin of this town says he had a tired feeling and was run down so he could not sleep nights and could eat but little. He has recently finished taking three bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla, and says he now feels about as well as ever. This is not an unusual case, as the effect of Hood's Sarsaparilla in all cases of debility is to give strength, vigor and vitality.

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